

Shamong, NJ 08088

February 4, 2014

The Shamong Township Committee held a meeting on the above date at the Municipal Building.

Mayor Long called the meeting to order at approximately 7:31 p.m.

The Clerk opened the meeting and advised those in attendance that proper notice of this meeting has been given in compliance with the Open Public Meeting Act in the following manner. Written notice has been sent to the Burlington County Times, published in the Central Record and posted as required by the Open Public Meeting Act.

Roll Call and)	Mr. Michael DiCroce	A
Absentees)	Mr. Timothy Gimbel	p
Noted)	Mr. Sean Gray	P
	Mr. Kenneth Long	P
	Mr. Martin Mozitis	P

Mayor Long opened the meeting to the public for questions or comments, there being none, he closed the meeting to the public.

**On motion of Committeeman Gimbel, seconded by Committeeman Mozitis, it was moved to approve the January 7<sup>th</sup> reorganization and regular session minutes. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.**

At this time the meeting was opened for discussion on Grassy Lake Road between Indian Mills Road and Stokes Road and the problem with speed control. The speed limit is 25 mph and it is posted as such. Mr. Angermier from 120 Grassy Lake Road represented the residents of Grassy Lake Road and thanked the Committee for what they had done since May. He said, however, it is not working. Vehicles are still speeding and it is a very dangerous and unsafe condition for pedestrians and motorist. They feel the New Jersey State Troopers are not patrolling enough or enforcing the speed limit. The Committee explained the troopers have limited staff and can only do so much. Mayor Long suggested possibly making it a one way but Mr. Angermier felt that would only make the speeding easier since they would have more roadway. He felt the best way to slow them down would be to place a speed bump or hump in the road. Mayor Long was concerned about the township equipment and particularly snow plowing. Gladys Myers was opposed to speed humps. The Administrator stated the residents on McKendimen Road have a speed hump and they are not happy with it because it creates noise from the vehicles going over it. Mr. Angermier feels the speed humps will slow the traffic down and that is what has to be done because there is little to none enforcement. There was also talk about permanent flashing speed limit signs. Brenda Edward asked if it was going to take someone getting killed to get something done since there has been a lot of near tragedies because of speed. There was mention of possibly a weight limit but Mr.

Heinold stated he feels there has to be a requirement in order to place a weight limit and Mr. Struppel said it is an unimproved road only being 16' wide. The residents made it known again that they do not want the road improved because that will only make the speeding worse. Mayor Long said the Township would like to consider put millings down. The Administrator stated she talked to a few towns that have the portable speed humps and they did not recommend them. Mayor Long feels if speed humps were installed they would need to be permanent. Mr. Moore of 125 Grassy Lake Road felt there were two options, one being the speed humps which he feels work or the flashing sign and wanted to know if the residents came back with a solution they believed would work could they count on the Committee for approval. Mayor Long reiterated on what the Administrator reported, wherein, they have to look at budget figures before they commit to anything but they will do something. Mr. Moore feels the flashing light is not the way to go since it would be useless without enforcement. The Committee and residents of Grassy Lake Road will discuss this again at the March 25<sup>th</sup> township meeting. Trooper Blanchard who was in the audience addressed the Committee and stated the Station Commander is Lt. Gregory Giannone and Assistant Commander is Sgt. Mike Dittmare. They were unable to attend due to other commitments. Trooper Blanchard explained he has a history in traffic enforcement and did not recommend a police car sitting in Mr. Angermier's driveway because it could make his residence a target. As far as the comments that the troopers didn't do anything or won't do anything about it, he himself has participated in traffic details on Grassy Lake Road. With respect to a resident calling the barracks and a trooper not responding, they take a written report. The troopers are out doing enforcement action in what they call selective assignments so it is inaccurate to say they are not coming down and taking action or doing a report. Trooper Blanchard said he was unaware of the traffic study done by the sheriff's office so if they get a copy they will certainly look at it. Trooper Blanchard feels the speed humps are an effective tool; however, the residents living on that road would eventually see wear and tear on their vehicles. He said it would be a good idea to restrict commercial traffic if possible. The barracks has a speed sign with the state police emblem on it which he feels would be more effective than the generic flashing light and he will request that it be placed on Grassy Lake Road by next week. He explained you're never going to deter everyone but it may help. He said he would post at the station that they have troop cars out there between 6:30 and 7:30 am for speeding details. He reported they are understaffed so he would urge that the residents write letters to the Committee for them to contact the State Legislators and lobby for more classes. He also said feel free to make an appointment to go down to the station and discuss any suggestions that the residents may have. He also suggested having a trooper participate with the township in the road study and the Mayor agreed. The Administrator will follow up with the date. Mayor Long asked if they had a drone car and they do. They will see about using it. Trooper Blanchard feels if they work together they can keep this issue to a minimum. There were no further comments at this time.

The Administrator reminded the Committee of the Elected Officials Seminar on March 12<sup>th</sup> presented by JIF. She will send out an email closer to the date of the seminar.

The Administrator reported the Joint Land Use Board met last week and appointed Jim Sweet and Kevin Wise to the Master Plan Sub-Committee and they will meet with the Administrator, Engineer, Solicitor, Mayor, and Committeeman Gimbel on February 10<sup>th</sup> at the Municipal Building, 7:00 p.m.

**On motion of Committeeman Mozitis, seconded by Committeeman Gimbel, it was moved to authorize the Burlington County Health Department – Division of Mosquito Control to spray for mosquitos in Shamong Township. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.**

**On motion of Committeeman Mozitis, seconded by Committeeman Gimbel, it was moved to approve Resolution 2014R-24 Self-Examination of the Budget. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.**

**Resolution 2014R-25 Redemption of tax sale certificate 13-00001 was tabled.**

**On motion of Committeeman Gimbel, seconded by Committeeman Mozitis, it was moved to approve the attached Bill List. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.**

The Engineer, Mr. Guzzi, reported he still has not heard from DOT on the Tuckerton Road grant application.

The Solicitor, Mr. Heinold, reported he did get the signed deeds back for the property off Forked Neck Road and they were sent to the County for filing on January 30<sup>th</sup>.

The Administrator reported what an outstanding job the Public Works Employees did clearing our roadways after all the storms. She also reported due to a salt shortage only the intersections of the developments are getting salted. After many phone calls salt is being delivered at the end of the week.

Mayor Long opened the meeting to the public, there being no comments, he closed the meeting to the public.

**On motion of Committeeman Gimbel, seconded by Committeeman Mozitis, the meeting was adjourned. All were in favor.**

Attest:

Susan D. Onorato  
Municipal Clerk